

EEESTA  
Prestige Seminar  
9th November 2011



# Engineering the Olympics

Planning-Construction-Legacy

A celebration of the engineering excellence, complex logistics and forward-looking civic planning that will make the 30th Olympiad an event of global significance



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## SPEAKERS

**Professor Quintin McKellar CBE**, Vice Chancellor of the University of Hertfordshire, was Scientific Director and Chief Executive of the Moredun Research Institute between 1997 and 2004. Subsequently, he was for six years Principal of the Royal Veterinary College of the University of London. Professor McKellar was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University in 2011 and recently awarded a CBE.

**John Armitt CBE** is Chairman of the Olympic Delivery Authority. A Fellow of the Royal Academy and the Institution of Civil Engineers, he was previously Chief Executive of Network Rail. He has extensive experience on major construction projects in the UK and overseas. Mr Armitt was awarded a CBE in 1996 for his contribution to the rail industry.

**Alison Nimmo CBE** is a Chartered Surveyor and Town Planner specialising in regeneration in both the public and private sectors. She has delivered major programmes in Manchester and Sheffield city centres, and in 2003 was awarded a CBE for services to urban regeneration. She contributed to the successful London Olympic Bid and in 2006 was appointed ODA Director of Design & Regeneration.

**Simon Wright** was appointed ODA Director of Infrastructure and Utilities in 2006. He was previously Director of Arup Project Management Europe at Ove Arup & Partners Ltd. Mr Wright has over 30 years experience in managing complex, large-scale infrastructure projects including Battersea Power Station redevelopment and the Greenwich Peninsular regeneration.

**Lord Mawson OBE** sits on the Board of the Olympic Park Legacy Company. He is one of Britain's leading social entrepreneurs, best known for his pioneering work at the Bromley by Bow Centre, East London - the UK's first Healthy Living Centre. For this work he received an OBE in 2000. He was made a Life Peer in 2007.

**Roy F Hill BA MBA**, European Managing Director of CH2M HILL has over 27 years in business development and project management for complex investment projects worldwide. Current major European projects include the London Tideway Tunnel for Thames Water and the management of the London 2012 Olympics Infrastructure implementation.

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## PROGRAMME

**5:30 pm** *Registration, refreshments and networking*

**6:45 pm** *Seminar*

**Welcome:** *Professor Quintin McKellar*

**Introduction:** *John Armit*

Our chairman for the evening will present the 2011 EESTA Award to an outstanding young Arkwright Scholar, and will then set the scene for the event.

**Planning:** *Alison Nimmo*

A 246 hectare polluted post-industrial wasteland was to be converted into a site suitable for the construction of the Olympic facilities. Consideration had to be given to overall design, town planning and sustainability, to ensure that the programme delivers a lasting legacy,

**Construction:** *Simon Wright*

Traversed by overhead high voltage cables, rivers, railways and roads, the development of the area posed many challenges. One of the greatest was managing the logistics of a very large dynamically changing construction site. Materials from demolition and ground remedial activities have been recycled and kept on site where possible.

**Legacy:** *Lord Mawson*

In addition to the retention of many of the sporting facilities for local use there will be lasting environmental improvement over a wider area of East London. New housing, shopping, recreational facilities accompanied by improved road and rail communications will benefit a previously deprived and run down area.

**Open forum, questions and answers**

**Vote of thanks:** *Roy Hill*

**9:30 pm** *Close*

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